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MUD CAP AND REVERSE  
CIRCULATION DRILLING FROM  
A FLOATING DRILLING RIG  
USING A SEALED MARINE  
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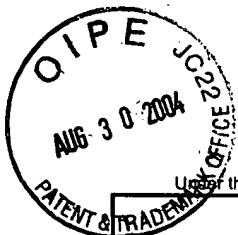
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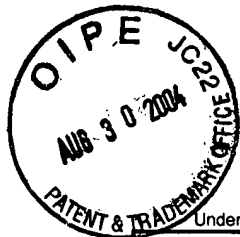
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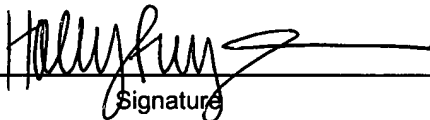
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